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BLM Proposes Access into the Sodak Mill near Dillon

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DILLON - The Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office is proposing to provide access into Sodak Mill near the Big Hole River, and they are asking the public to comment on the proposal. Access to Sodak Mill would require construction of about 3/8 mile of road extending from an existing two track. The proposed route would be constructed entirely on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Sodak Mill is located about 15 miles north of Dillon off Highway 91. The existing two track ends in a wash below Sodak Mill. Access to Sodak Mill has been recently blocked at a private land boundary to the south. Any new construction would be done so as to minimize new disturbance and retain the character of the existing access. Culverts would be placed where necessary to reduce erosion. The road would end at the mill site above the Big Hole River. Access beyond this location would be by foot or horse back. Project goals are:

- To continue to provide public access into the Sodak Mill Site
- Limit motor vehicles to designated routes
- Limit the spread of noxious weeds

An environmental assessment will be prepared for the proposed project this winter. If you would like more information, please contact Rich Maggio, at (406) 683-8019. Written comments to be considered in the analysis should be submitted no later than January 16, 2004 to the Bureau of Land Management, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT, 59725.

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